

- with the needle;
- an actuator operable to release the needle from the needle retainer; and
- a connector projecting forwardly from the housing and circumscribing the needle, for coupling with the infusion device.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the actuator is manually actuable.
 3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the first conduit has a generally open end and the device comprises a piercable seal sealing the open end of the first conduit.
 4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the device comprises a rearward stop limiting the rearward displacement of the needle after retraction.
 5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the device comprises a forward stop limiting the forward displacement of the needle after retraction.
 6. (Original) A medical device comprising:
 - a longitudinally elongated hollow housing having a generally open rearward end;
 - a Y-port slidably displaceable within the housing, comprising:
 - a first conduit substantially axially aligned with the longitudinal axis of the housing;
 - a second conduit transverse the first conduit;
 - a needle fixedly connected to the Y-port, projecting forwardly from the housing, wherein the needle is in fluid communication with the first and second conduits of the Y-port;
 - a biasing element biasing the Y-port rearwardly;
 - a manually actuable actuator operable to release the Y-port so that the biasing element propels the Y-port rearwardly.

7. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the first conduit has a generally open end and the device comprises a piercable seal sealing the open end of the first conduit.
8. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the device comprises a rearward stop limiting the rearward displacement of the needle after retraction.
9. (Original) The device of claim 6 wherein the device comprises a forward stop limiting the forward displacement of the needle after retraction.
10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - a catheter having a forward cannula portion and a body portion; and
 - an insertion device disengageably connected with the catheter, the insertion device having:
 - a barrel;
 - a forward engagement portion connected with the barrel for holding the catheter in engagement with the barrel in an initial configuration;
 - a needle holding assembly slidably positioned within the barrel;
 - a needle connected to the needle holding assembly and extending from the front of the barrel in the initial configuration;
 - a spring positioned between the forward engagement portion and the needle holding assembly for exerting a rearward bias upon the needle holding assembly in the initial configuration;
 - a lever pivotable between a locked position and an unlocked position, having a forward portion abutting the catheter at the forward engagement portion of the barrel in the initial configuration, preventing the lever from being displaced into the unlocked position, wherein in the locked position the lever retains the needle in the extended position against the bias of the biasing element and in the unlocked position the biasing element is

operable to displace the needle into the retracted position;
wherein upon removal of the catheter from the device, the catheter
disengages the lever, allowing the lever to be displaced into the
unlocked position.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the body portion of the catheter is formed to provide a first fluid path extending from the cannula to a rear end of the body portion and a second fluid path extending from the cannula to a branch conduit formed in the body portion.
12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein a piercable septum is positioned on the rear of the body portion, and wherein the needle extends through the piercable septum in the initial configuration.
13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the lever is positioned along one side of the barrel allowing selective release of the lever when the needle has been withdrawn from the catheter.
14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the needle holding assembly is configured to provide a flash back chamber.
15. Canceled
16. (Previously Amended) The insertion device of claim 10 wherein the catheter comprises a pierceable septum and the needle extends through the septum with sufficient friction therebetween during disengagement of the insertion device from the catheter to prevent motion of the needle holding assembly due to the rearward bias.
17. (Previously Presented) The insertion device of claim 10 wherein the catheter comprises a pierceable septum that the needle projects through in

the initial position, wherein the frictional force between the needle and the septum is greater than the biasing force of the biasing element, such that the septum retains the needle against retraction after the lever pivots into the unlocked position.